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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA MISSOULA DIVISION

) Case No. CV 17-89-M-DLC
)
) (consolidated with Case Nos.
) CV 17-117-M-DLC,
) CV 17-118-M-DLC,
) CV 17-119-M-DLC, and
) CV 17-123-M-DLC)
)
) MOTION OF PLAINTIFFS
) NORTHERN CHEYENNE
) TRIBE, ET AL. FOR AN
) AWARD OF ATTORNEYS'
) FEES AND COSTS
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Plaintiffs in these consolidated cases, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Sierra Club, Center for Biological Diversity, and National Parks Conservation Association (collectively, "Plaintiffs") hereby request an award of attorneys' fees and costs under the Endangered Species Act ("ESA"), 16 U.S.C. § 1540(g)(4), and the Equal Access to Justice Act ("EAJA"), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d), in the amount of \$359,963.13.

This application seeks recovery of attorneys' fees and costs for litigation of this matter in this Court and the Ninth Circuit. Following the filing of this motion, Plaintiffs intend to move to stay all briefing and submission of additional argument and materials in support of and in opposition to this motion to facilitate discussions with Federal Defendants regarding settlement of this motion.

This motion is supported by the accompanying memorandum, declarations, and exhibits. As these materials demonstrate, Plaintiffs are entitled to the requested award of attorneys' fees and costs. Accordingly, this Court should award Plaintiffs a recovery of attorneys' fees in the amount of \$357,067 and costs in the amount of \$2,896.13, for a total award of \$359,963.13.

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of September, 2020.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was today served via the Court's CM/ECF system on all counsel of record.

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